

# Presidents Of SBC, ABC Interviewed

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The presidents of two major Baptist bodies in the U. S. were quizzed here about their views and intentions in such matters as the death penalty, abortion, ministries to youth and inner-city programs of Baptist churches.

Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Marcus Rohlf, newly elected president of the American Baptist Convention, expressed divergent views at several points.

Bates said that the death penalty is essential to the maintenance of national entities, although Christ points Christians toward dealing redemptively with criminals.

Mrs. Rohlf said she opposes the death penalty and favors upgrading rehabilitative programs in the penal systems.

She told reports that the American Baptist Convention in its recent annual meeting adopted a resolution favoring abortion. All children should be wanted, she said.

Bates said abortions should be performed only when the mother's life is in jeopardy or the fetus is known to be seriously deformed.

Both convention executives want youth to be adequately represented and ministered to in Baptist life. Bates pointed out that young people are specifically included in the program of the SBC here this week.

Both cited instances in which churches in their conventions are stepping up their ministries in the inner city.

A question on United States participation in Vietnam brought vigorous opposition from Mrs. Rohlf.

"I'm opposed personally to war. My husband was a conscientious objector in the second World War and my son is in this war. I personally don't think war is within the tradition of Christianity."

Asked how he would counsel a person who opposed war, Bates replied

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Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and Mrs. Marcus Rohlf, president of the American Baptist Convention hold a joint press conference during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, Mo., June 1-3.

## TO THE MESSENGERS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

It is a pleasure for me to greet you as you gather for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Your organization has thrived in adversity. The thorny path has but increased your strength. And your gains have been a blessing for our country.

The sustaining spiritual support you have given to the leaders of this country in times of crisis, the understanding and compassion which you have shown to your fellow citizens, the Christian charity that fills your ranks and inspires your public service: these have earned you a nation's enduring respect.

As one who continues to be heartened by the selfless spirit of your mission, I share your confidence in the future, and trust your deliberations will further your important work in our society.

Richard Nixon



New Convention Officers

New officers of the Southern Baptist Convention elected at the annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo., are: (left to right) James Landes, pastor First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., first vice-president; Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., president and Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., second vice-president.



Youth Speak

Students challenge the Southern Baptist Convention during the annual meeting at St. Louis, Mo., June 2.



Messengers Pose For Picture

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, Mo., pause for the camera during the opening session of the convention.

# 'Quiet' St. Louis SBC Takes Varied Actions, Ends In Lively Debate

By Roy Jennings

ST. LOUIS (BP)—Southern Baptists took positions on a wide variety of issues ranging from abortion to prison reform during their 114th annual meeting here, while instructing one of their agencies to drop the British writer of the controversial Genesis section of a Baptist Bible Commentary.

Predictions by the convention president that it would be a "quiet convention" fell by the wayside when resolutions were presented, and after the Broadman Bible Commentary issue came to the floor despite efforts to keep things cool.

The three-day meeting attracted 13,602 messengers who also spoke on

Sunday School Board additional instructions about rewriting Volume One of the Broadman Commentary drew the most interest.

Ultimately, the 4,962 messengers required a written ballot to decide by a margin of 382 votes to advise the agency to "obtain another writer and proceed with the commentary according to the vote of the 1970 Convention in Denver." A total of 4,962 messengers voted. The messengers at the Denver meeting called on the publisher to have the volume rewritten with due consideration to the conservative point of view.

The commentary on the book of Genesis was written by G. Henton Davies, principal of Regent's Park College at Oxford, England.

Major disagreement centered around Davies' conclusion that God did not order Abraham to sacrifice his son, as recorded in Chapter 22 of Genesis.

Kenneth Bowen, a Forest City, N.C., messenger said he couldn't see how a man such as Davies with his convictions could rewrite the commentary with due consideration to the conservative point of view and shouldn't be asked to do it.

A plea from John Parrott of Roswell, N.M. to give the Sunday School

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## —And Now St. Louis

AN EDITORIAL

Southern Baptists spoke rather pointedly to one of their agencies at the convention in New Orleans two years ago.

They spoke again, and just a bit louder, in Denver last year.

And now, in St. Louis, despite all appeals and efforts for the avoidance of divisive issues, the convention has spoken again.

Three years in succession makes it very clear that Southern Baptists are saying something. We wonder if those to whom the convention is speaking are hearing.

Or, if they are hearing, are they understanding what is being said, and are they listening?

What is being said is far deeper than mere discontent with a commentary. Evidently a majority of Southern Baptists are displeased with the commentary, but it is not the basic issue.

Changing one of the writers in Volume I of Broadman Commentary is not going to make it a conservative commentary which will please most

Southern Baptists, since there are other sections and other volumes which are just as objectionable. Neither will it bring solution to the real issue troubling us.

The commentary was not the basic problem at either Denver or St. Louis. Neither is the convention simply upset with one of its agencies, the Sunday School Board, although that board has felt the sting of the convention's actions for three years in a row. The commentary and the Sunday School Board simply became the vehicles through which the messengers were speaking on a much larger issue.

What is the convention saying? A careful analysis of the actions, along with the numerous other motions which were made, but which, by parliamentary procedure, were referred to the Executive Committee or other agencies for study, can bring only one conclusion as to the real issue. Southern Baptists are saying that they are de-

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## J. B. Parker, Retired Chaplain, Passes

Rev. James B. Parker, 75, of Jackson, died early Sunday morning, June 6, at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital after an extended illness.

Mr. Parker was the retired Chaplain of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Chaplain Parker was a native of North Carolina, where he received his early education. He was a graduate of Mars Hills College and received his B. A. degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and was a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. While attending college in New Orleans, he held his first pastorate at the Roseland Baptist Church in Louisiana.

He moved to Mississippi in 1925, where his first Mississippi pastorate was at the Collins Baptist Church. He formerly was pastor of churches at

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## Mississippians Participate At St. Louis

ST. LOUIS—Mississippians participated actively and several were duly recognized at the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention held here June 1-3.

Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman, was elected as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Convention, succeeding James Monroe of Florida.

Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Church in Hattiesburg, was named as a new member of the committee, replacing T. Cooper Walton, Jackson, whose term expired this year. Mr. Walton was vice-chairman of the committee.

The other Mississippi member of this important committee is Dr. John G. McCall, pastor of First Church of Vicksburg.

Serving on the Committee of Committees for this session from Mississippi were Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo and Percy L. Hazlewood, Summit layman.

Dr. McCall and Glenn Perry, Philadelphia layman, were appointed to serve on the Committee on Boards for next year's session.

Others named to begin new terms on the boards of other Convention institutions and agencies are the following:

Home Mission Board, Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Annuity Board, Claude Anthony, minister of education, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Southeastern Seminary, Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo; Education Commission, W. D. Loftin, Brookhaven layman.

Those named to serve on Convention Committees are:

North American Baptist Fellowship, Owen Cooper; State Baptist Papers, Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of Baptist Record.

Dr. Odle also made the report of the Committee on State Papers in the place of Dr. H. H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma, who was absent on account of illness.

Rev. James Walker, pastor of Riv-

erside Church, Clarksdale, presented a resolution on "Beverage Alcohol" while Rev. Bill Hale, pastor of Goss Church, introduced a resolution on the "Ministry of Small Churches."

Mississippians were also active in the several related meetings, held just prior to and following the Convention.

Dr. Howard H. Aultman, pastor of First Church, Columbia, spoke at the

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference on the subject of "God's Prophet and His Motive."

Mrs. David Hicks, WMU leader from First Church, Oxford addressed the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the SBC.

Bill Souther, minister of music and youth education at the First Church, Brookhaven, directed music for the

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New SBC Executive Committee Officers

New officers of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee elected during the SBC meeting in St. Louis, Mo., are: (left to right) Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., chairman; Stewart Sims, Greer, S. C., vice-chairman; Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Ned King, Dallas, Tex., secretary.



# SBC Session Ends In Lively Debate

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Board more time to carry out the messengers' wishes last.

The messengers also approved a nine-month 1972 Cooperative Program budget of \$24,630,580, diverted itself of two hospitals and selected Norfolk, Va., as the meeting site in 1973.

The hospital vote completed a separation process begun last year. The hospitals in Jacksonville, Fla., and New Orleans, La., are now private institutions.

The new budget, which represents a change in the Convention's fiscal year, keeps the operating funds at the 1971 level. Cooperative Program receipts at the end of the last year reflected only a 1.79 percent increase over the previous year.

Porter Routh of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the denomination, reported 1971 receipts during the first five months were 5.6 percent above the same period a year ago.

Other Executive Committee recommendations approved included a denominational promotion plan for 1973-74 called "Share the Word Now." It is composed of three projects for witnessing, involving people in Bible study and starting new missions and churches.

The messengers re-elected Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., for a second one-year term as president of the 11.5 million member denomination.

Chosen to serve with him were

James L. Landes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Richardson, Texas, first vice president, and Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., second vice-president.

Re-elected without opposition were Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary; W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, and Routh, treasurer. The three live in Nashville.

The resolution on abortion called upon Southern Baptists to work for legislation that would allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother.

In their stand for prison reform, the messengers called for Southern Baptists to follow the teaching of Jesus by caring for those in prison, by working to provide funding, education, ministries, and other innovative programs and expanded parole alternatives.

Southern Baptists also were asked to work with community leaders and elected officials for more humane and more Christian treatment of offenders.

The resolution urged prison officials in federal, state, and local systems to use education and vocational training in their rehabilitative efforts.

On scripture distribution the messengers asked Southern Baptists to contribute worthily to the work of the American Bible Society in order to provide scriptures needed for missionary advance.

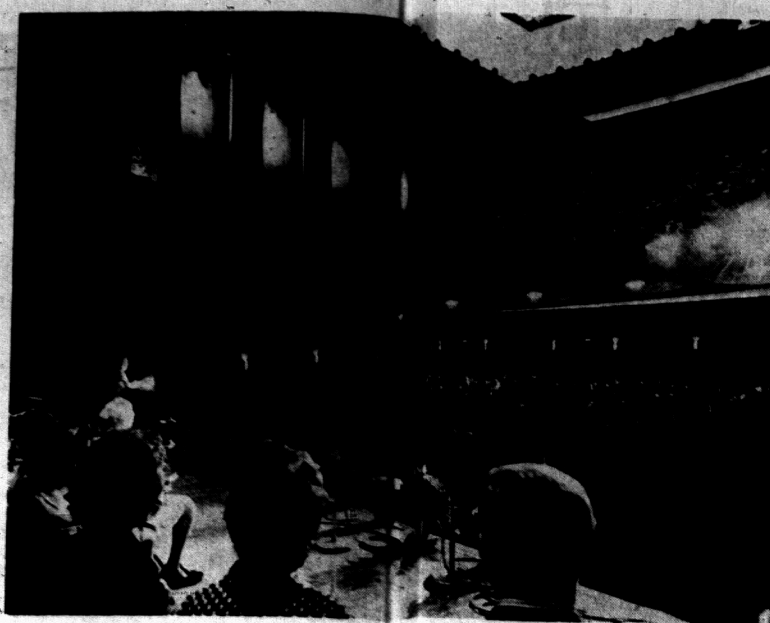
The resolution putting Southern Baptists on record as opposing any use of alcohol as a beverage called on the United States Congress to pass laws prohibiting the advertising of alcoholic beverages on television and radio and the use of alcoholic beverages on airplanes and other public conveyances.

Through the resolution on judicial reform the messengers commended the efforts of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court to develop more efficient courtroom administration and procedures and the American Bar Association and state bar associations for their continuing work in forwarding judicial reform.

In the six-point resolution on the use of public funds, the messengers affirmed the right of religious people or religious bodies to develop institutions and the right of parents to send their children to non-public schools, but at their own expense in each instance.

The messengers also called upon Southern Baptists to be alert to developments on the national, state, and local levels concerning the use of public funds for religious objectives, and to insist that public funds for educational purposes be channeled only through public institutions which do not discriminate on religious or other basis.

Through the resolution on world peace, messengers commended Pres-



WMU CONVENTION — Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union's annual meeting was held at the Opera House Auditorium, St. Louis.

dent Nixon for his part in reducing the number of troops in Vietnam and urged him to continue the American withdrawal in keeping with the desperate concern for the prisoners of war.

The resolution also asked all Americans citizens to uphold principles of peace, justice, and the dignity of human life, and to resist those who attempt to glorify immoral conduct in war.

In their expression on voluntary prayer, the messengers reaffirmed their beliefs in voluntary prayer on the part of all people and asked churches to teach their members the true nature of prayer and the role of the Holy Spirit in helping people to pray.

The Southern Baptist Convention was requested to encourage its constituency to participate in prayer experiences that are voluntary and uncoerced by governmental or ecclesiastical authorities.

The resolution on school integration called for Southern Baptists to

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WMU LEADERS MEET — Mrs. R. L. Mathis (left) of Waco, Tex., was elected to another term as president of Woman's Missionary Union and Mrs. Roy E. Snider (center) of Camden, Ark., as recording secretary. They met with Mrs. Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU, between sessions of the woman's auxiliary.

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Southern Baptist Religious Education Conference.

Mrs. Karen Singleton, also from the same church, was the featured soloist. The 100 Voice "Sound Sensation" from the church sang the pre-session music, sang before each featured speaker, and presented a "Sing In" in the lobby of the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel Sunday and Monday evenings following the conference sessions.

Durr Walker, of the same church, organist, accompanied Mrs. Singleton and the Sound Sensation on each of their musical presentations, and Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor of the church, pronounced the benediction.

"The Naturals," from Mississippi Lyall, director of Fine Arts Division of the college, rendered special music

at the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference held at the First Baptist Church of St. Johns.

A Laymen's Forum on missions involvement was held at a luncheon meeting at the time scheduled for alumni meetings.

Two Mississippians who spoke at this meeting were Gene Triggs and Owen Cooper, both of Yazoo City.

Southern Baptist missionaries from Mississippi who attended the Convention were Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, of Noxapater; Dorothy Jean Latham, of Forkville, and Rev. and Mrs. Hal Lee, of Pascagoula.

Mrs. Genevieve Zachary of Laurel was recognized by President Bates for her 18th year of consecutive attendance at the convention as well as all the regular services of her home church, Second Avenue Baptist.



DR. CARL E. BATES has been re-elected president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination — the Southern Baptist Convention — at the Convention's annual meeting in St. Louis. He is pastor of First Baptist church of Charlotte, N. C.

## Lay Involvement In SBC Stressed At Convention

ST. LOUIS (BP)— Laymen should quit griping that there is no place for them in the denomination and prepare themselves to take on the big jobs of religious life, the deputy administrator for Veterans' Administration said here.

Laymen hold the keys for communicating with and understanding modern man, said Fred Rhodes of Washington, D. C., a top government official who also is first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"For years, laymen have griped that there was no place for them in the convention," Rhodes told a Baptist Men's Conference at Southwest Baptist Church here. "If that were true, it is no excuse."

He asked if there is not a need for

laymen in the field of education or as Convention executives. He asked why laymen are not used in hard-to-fill jobs in the state conventions or as editors of Baptist state papers.

The answer he said is that laymen have not prepared themselves to take the jobs.

"There will be a lay involvement in the Convention because laymen are concerned and cannot be contained within the four walls of the church. This concern will press our denomination into new frontiers of expression," Rhodes said.

James Johnson of Arlington, Tex., a computer specialist, told how laymen can become involved in missions through their vocations. He challenged the Home and Foreign

Mission Boards to provide assistance and guidance to vocational missionaries.

"The boards can express mission needs in small terms that can be understood and met by individuals and small groups of laymen."

"The Brotherhood Commission and various state missions agencies can establish mission project information offices where missions needs and missions resources (men and material) can be matched into functioning projects," the computer expert said.

Two laymen involved in mission action told of their work. They were Jim Wren of Athens, Tex., president of Amigos Internacionales which operates a medical-dental missions project along the Rio Grande River;

and Dr. Timothy Pennell of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N. C., also involved in the organization.

Pennell enumerated mission needs which he described as "unbelievable" and able to reach men at the "gut level."

Jack Stanton of Atlanta, Ga., evangelism consultant for the Baptist Home Mission Board, told how laymen can be involved in missions through evangelism. He shared the results of recent lay evangelism schools.

Laymen will also participate in a special forum on Wednesday afternoon here. The forum is designed to provide an opportunity for laymen to exchange ideas and to have dialogue on missions involvement and support.

## WMU Convention Ends With Commitment Finals

By Catherine Allen

ST. LOUIS — "Here is my life," sang almost 3,000 women and a generous sprinkling of men in a resounding finale to Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union's annual meeting here.

The one-day meeting was climaxed by a time of commitment. In song, prayer, Scripture, and meditation, the audience was urged to pledge personal commitment to missions.

The Volunteer State Chorale, ministers of music from Tennessee, wove the service together with special music such as "Hallelujah," by Handel, Claude H. Rhea, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., and Gene Bartlett of Oklahoma City, directed congregational music and sang in tandem.

Each session spotlighted one of WMU's purposes: mission study, mission action, and mission support through prayer, money, and preparation of missionary vocation volunteers.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., who was re-elected for a third term as president of the 1.3 million-member organization, asked women to make more than a token commitment to WMU's goals.

"We must determine to act on a higher commitment to Christ's plan," she said.

Alma Hunt of Birmingham, Ala., executive secretary of WMU, called in three addresses for a "committed minority" of women.

"Where there's a woman, there's a way," she repeated. "WMU was born out of the need for mission support. We are committed today as we were in 1888 to sustaining missions." Miss Hunt described the popular interest in education as an asset to WMU's desire to make churches aware of the world missions situation.

"WMU is committed to helping the church make of itself a force in the world through mission action. Our goal is not only to help people in Christ's name but to change attitudes through action."

Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond, Va., executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, both praised the women for their part in a recent upsurge in Cooperative Program gifts.

Cauthen also thanked the women for their promotion of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions, which recently rang up a record total of \$16,220,104.99.

Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, expressed optimism for the annual home missions offering now being reported.

Mrs. Robert Fling of Pleasantville, N. Y., a former national WMU president and now president of the New York WMU, delivered pleas for personal commitment to the three WMU purposes.

"We must not be content with support personally, in churches, and in states in order that world missions not be neglected."

Davis praised Baptist service men stationed in Vietnam who have helped the missionaries minister to human needs of the Vietnamese.

G. Webster Carroll, missionary to Uganda, spoke of Southern Baptists' need to base their work on a full understanding of Jesus.

"When men begin to doubt the authority and power of Jesus, they begin not to care. Their Christianity has no authority."

Carroll said he believes Baptists will give more support to foreign missions if they are moved with compassion for neighbors next door.

Wendell Belew, of Atlanta, director of the division of missions at the Home Mission Board, pledged partnership with WMU in sharing Christ with Americans.

"WMU mission action implements home missions, while home missions uses mission action wherever women are organized to work. Where WMU is not in existence, home missionaries want it organized immediately," he said.

Kenneth L. Chaffin of Atlanta, director of the department of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, spoke three times on why Southern Baptists should be involved in meeting needs of and witnessing to fellow-Americans.

A penetrating plan for harnessing more Southern Baptist strength for missions in the United States emerged during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union here.

Under the theme, "Committed to Mission Action," WMU leaders, pastors, and Southern Baptist Home Mission Board officials outlined their partnership and told of their achievements in missions.

Mission Action is the plan of church missions organizations (WMU and Brotherhood) of combining ministry and witness to reach persons whose human needs make them unresponsive to the usual outreach of the church.

M. Wendell Belew, director of the division of Missions at the SBC Home Mission Board, said that the board and WMU share purpose, concept and support.

"WMU mission action implements home missions, while home missions uses WMU mission action and establishes WMU wherever it is not in existence," said Belew.

"This is a new day of doing home missions," the mission executive said. "The Home Mission Board would be ill advised to depend upon its 22,000 missionaries alone to accomplish its work when there is the potential of six or seven million Southern Baptist women who are able to become involved."

Belew said that while WMU leads in gaining prayer and money support for missions, the Home Mission Board is used in mission action.

In a feature entitled "Dimensions of Success" three pastors, two church leaders, a physician, and a state WMU official gave examples of ways WMU mission action is effectively reaching people. The ministries described included healing, nutrition, sewing, teaching, tutoring, befriending, and recreation.



At the New Orleans booth are left to right: Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor of First Church, Newton; Rev. Clyde Little, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs; and Rev. Roy Raddin, pastor of Second Church, Greenville.



Mississippians At The SBC — Some of the Mississippians attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis were photographed at the exhibit booths. From left, Jackson, and Rev. Lucas Marion, Clarkdale.



Dr. V. L. Stanfield of New Orleans Seminary; Dr. Norman Price, former Mississippian, now with the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage; and Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton.



Rev. and Mrs. Don McGregor, Hattiesburg



# Laymen Challenged To Meet The Responsibilities Of Missions

ST. LOUIS, June 2 — Owen Cooper, former first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, challenged laymen here Wednesday afternoon to meet the responsibilities of missions.

Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss., business executive, was one of seven speakers who shared visions about missions activity and support at the Laymen's forum on Mission Involvement.

"We need a revolution in our churches that would result in so effective a demonstration of mission concern that the churches would enjoy the blessings in store for them if they worthily share their income with

statewide and worldwide mission causes," Cooper said.

Churches are taking care of themselves, the Baptist leader said. He noted that the average Southern Baptist contributes only one dollar per year to home missions and three dollars per year for foreign missions.

"A member of the average Southern Baptist church who desires to give one dollar to the Home Mission Board through the Cooperative Program must put \$185 into the collection plate," he said.

From that, the local church and association keeps \$150, while \$10 goes to the state convention and \$500 to the Southern Baptist Convention, Mr. Cooper said. Of the \$5, the Home Mission Board gets \$1.

"That represents poor stewardship on the part of our churches," Cooper said. "Laymen can and should do something about this."

Among the laymen sharing the podium with Cooper was Dr. Jasper McPhail, a former foreign missionary physician now working with the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark., in providing medical services to the poor.

Dr. McPhail said he dreamed of seeing churches working in all areas of the community.

The need for laymen to become involved in agricultural missions was expressed by Gene Triggs of Yazoo City, secretary of the Mississippi-based Agricultural Missions Foundation.

Triggs said active and retired Baptists with agricultural background are needed to work with the 12 foreign missionaries specializing in agriculture.

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that a person has the privilege to consciously object.

"I think that everyone is sick of this war and would like to see it end. Mr. Nixon is the only president who has brought home any troops."

On governmental aid to parochial schools, Bates said he couldn't think of any reason that the government should provide this help.

Bates emphasized his support for the public school system, but said he would grant other persons the right to support private schools, including those started to avoid integration.

The Baptist leader said the private schools cropping up in Southern Baptist churches were the affair of the individual churches and he had no business offering them any advice as president of the denomination.

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JOINT COMMISSIONING SERVICE — A joint commissioning service was held by the Home Mission

Board and the Foreign Mission Board at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., June 2.

## Over 300 Women Learn How To Be Better Ministers' Wives

ST. LOUIS, June 1 — More than 300 women learned at a luncheon here Tuesday that they can be better ministers' wives.

Occasion of the luncheon at Third Baptist Church was the 16th annual Conference of Ministers' Wives. In attendance were eight former Conference presidents.

Mrs. Malcolm Knight of Jacksonville, Fla., presided at the luncheon. Initially she invited the women to

share what they thought happiness was.

"Happiness Is Being Married to a Baptist Minister" was the topic of principal speaker, David Edens of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. A former minister of counseling at San Antonio Trinity Baptist Church, Edens heads the college's Marriage and Family Counseling program.

"Women today are expecting and demanding an identity of their own," he said. "They are increasingly rejecting the notion that their lives should be planned out for them."

Edens said the demands for independence are not generated by the women's liberation movement alone, but, "by a genuine freeing of the spirit."

Questions directing to women's roles as ministers' wives were raised by the psychotherapist. He shared characteristics common to breaking marriages and alerted the women to ways they may avoid them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilch of St. Louis provided "Happiness in Love Songs." He is minister to youth at the Kirkwood Baptist Church.

Officers for 1972 were inducted and the 1973 slate elected.

Elected for 1973 included Mrs. Claude Bowen of Greensboro, N.C., president, Mr. Gilbert Skaar of Shelton, Wash., vice-president; Mrs. David Ray of Lubbock, Tex., secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Samuel Shepard of Miami, Fla., corresponding secretary.



MINISTERS' WIVES CONFERENCE — New officers for the ministers' wives Conference elected in St. Louis, Mo., are: (left to right) Mrs. D. B. Martin, McMurray, Pa., vice-president; Mrs. Charles Watkins, Roanoke, Va., president; Mrs. Billie Mobley, Ahoskie, N. C., corresponding secretary and Mrs. Earl Ogg, Monroe, La., recording secretary.



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION EXHIBITS — Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis visit the exhibit area. Above are the missionary booths.

## Pastor's Conference Closes With Affirmation Of The Bible

By Robert O'Brien

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Supported by an enthusiastic crowd at the closing session of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Texas, affirmed the inerrant and infallible Word of God.

The "Amen" pronounced fervently by Criswell, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to more than 7,000 persons ended a day-packed with 15 sermons on various aspects of preachers and their ministry.

Speakers at the closing session examined "God's Preacher as a Person," while those at morning and afternoon sessions scrutinized him as a prophet and as a person facing the world's problems and temptations.

The pastors elected John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church of Houston, Tex., as their next president.

Gene Phillips, pastor of University Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., was chosen vice-president and Bill Wallace, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., secretary.

"The preacher's special mandate is to preach the Word of God" — the Bible — which says that "all Scripture is inspired of God," said Cris-

well, pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church. "This introduces us to the long and bitter controversy about the inerrant and infallible Word of God."

Criswell characterized the modern day as one in which there is vigorous opposition to an antagonism to the "Bible."

He criticized "modern intellectuals" who would say "the Bible is like Aesop's Fables — full of fairy tales" and cited historical and scientific information in efforts to rebuff persons who claim the Bible contains historical and scientific error.

"Science, like a chicken, molts every day."

Citing a library in Paris which he said contains three-and-a-half miles of obsolete science texts, Criswell jabbed at those who would "rewrite the Bible on the basis of the latest scientific information."

Criswell referred to archaeology which in all its probing into "tens of thousands of years of history" has never made "even one discovery contradicting the Word of God" and "tens of thousands which uphold the Bible."

Evolutionists, who convince young people that they evolved "from a

green scum in the dawn of time" drew Criswell's particular disapproval.

"These young people say it (evolution) is a 'fruit fly,' he declared with a characteristic jab at the modernists. "The scientists have bombarded the fruit fly's genes producing mutations equivalent to thousands of generations."

"But he is still drosophila," Criswell thundered, "not a June Bug or a Purple Bee. Never has there been an instance to known science where where there has been a transition from one species to another. It's like it says here in the book."

Howard H. Aultman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., said the prophet today must have the right motive — to faithfully follow Christ, his master.

Aultman emphasized that a man must be selected by God before entering the ministry.

"One of our troubles today is that we are so interested in filling our pulpits that we forget to ask 'Did God call you to preach?'"

That special call by God to preach does not place a merit badge on

the one called not place him above others, Aultman said. He added it as a peculiar call to a particular task.

The Mississippi pastor chided the "important vision" of those who select the ministry "after careful consideration or comparative advantage of law, medicine, science or trade."

"There is nothing vertical in that type of vision," Aultman said. "There is nothing from above."

Earlier, Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, chided Baptists who engage in bitter battles over the Bible.

"One of the strangest things in all Christendom is the fights we have about our Bible. We engage in a contest on who is the most orthodox. Many of us almost hate one another over the Scriptures."

Dealing with the various problems that effect a minister's morality, Cothen said a pastor can function without many things — but not without personal integrity in all his relations.

He outlined pressures and temptations to which Christian integrity must be applied, including sexuality, dishonesty, hostilities and hatred and temptation to insinuate falsely about others, including the tendency to

carelessly label others as liberal or unscriptural.

Jon F. Meek, Jr., of New York told the pastors that "the spiritual power of the city is so great that it demands the attention of our convention. It demands that we give attention to the investment of mission funds. . . to the attention of men, money and methods and any and everything that will bring to bear an effective witness for Christ."

Meek, missions director of the Baptist General Convention of New York, said preachers and churches must not run from the city, as they would naturally tend to do, but stay and minister to the people.

Former SBC President J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, said preachers should fill the role of modern-day prophets without fear of trying to please everyone.

"Far too many so-called modern-day prophets make about as much impact upon society as a rubber balloon filled with dry oatmeal dropped on a foam rubber cushion," he said.

James Hester of Dallas, associate in the evangelism division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, urged

ed preachers to realize the importance of foreign missions.

"When your only area of concern is one small area, you live in a mighty small world," said the former missionary to Italy.

The preacher and his financial integrity was discussed by John F. Gibbist Church, Macon, Ga.

"Once our creditors have been influenced in part by our positions and by the basic honesty expected of our calling, they are entitled to receive their due from our purse."

W. Fred Swank, pastor of Sagamore Hill Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Tex., cautioned pastors that their attitudes play a large role in their relationship with others.

He took to task those who rejoice in the misfortunes of other pastors, jealously attempt to explain away their successes or pettily try to undermine them.

Former SBC President H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, Tenn., echoed a sentiment of other speakers — "preachers and their families are flesh and blood, just like other people, subject to the same frailties."

He said a lot of preachers and wives, subject to heavy pressures, would divorce if they weren't in the church.



OUTGOING OFFICERS — The three officers of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference conferred during the opening session of the annual meeting of the 25,000-member minister's group at Kiel Auditorium. They are President Landrum P. Leavell (center) of

Wichita Falls, Tex., former Mississippian; Vice-President James L. Pleitz (left) of Pensacola, Fla.; and Secretary Charles A. Jolly of Madison, N. J., former Mississippian.



NEW LEADERS OF PASTORS — Selected to lead the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference the next twelve months were John Bisagno (right), pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., president; Gene Phillips (center) pastor of University Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., vice-president; and Bill Wallace, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., secretary.



BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE — V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the Baptist World Alliance addresses the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis.



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### The Spirit Of St. Louis

Southern Baptist conventions, while having common characteristics, actually are never quite alike.

Each has its own personality, and is remembered for its own marks of distinction.

The St. Louis convention of 1971 follows the pattern.

The theme of the convention was "In the Spirit of Christ", and that theme overshadowed the whole session. Both in the business sessions and in the times of reports and inspiration, every effort was made to work and walk in the Spirit of our Lord.

This probably will not be remembered in history as a great convention, but will be listed at least as a good one. And history may prove that it was more than that. Some actions in St. Louis could determine the direction of the future of some of our work.

The corner may have been turned in doctrinal debate. Decision may have been accepted that the convention is going to remain solidly conservative.

Challenge was heard for advance in missions, with a call for the doubling of forces, and for vast new programs in reaching an urbanized world.

Great goals were adopted in stewardship, asking Southern Baptists to begin accelerated advance in enlisting tithers and in all areas of stewardship.

Resolutions adopted revealed the middle of the road conservatism of average Southern Baptists. Messengers refused to be moved either to the left or to the right theologically.

Actions taken and those referred to committees revealed that same conservative stance.

The convention heard youth speak, and commended their participation in the convention work.

It was a "cool" convention, without heated debate or angry words. This had been the plea of editors and leaders, and leaders of the convention sought to keep that spirit. That they succeeded, was evidenced by the fact that discussion and debate were conducted with calmness and with Christian courtesy.

Much credit must be given to President Carl Bates for the spirit of the convention. His complete mastery of the situations at all times, his ability for warm and understanding communication with the audience, his utter fairness, and his Christian spirit, won the hearts of the messengers, and kept participants in discussion calm and in good spirits at all times. We salute Dr. Bates, and those who aided him, for a splendid job of presiding and directing the convention program.

The convention did not see many high hours of inspiration. As always, the Foreign Missions night program probably reached the peak in spiritual impact. Added to this was the President's Message on the same night. Both were outstanding, and will be among the things best remembered from the convention.

The reason for the lack of more inspiration, was the fact that the limitation of the convention to two and one half days, and six sessions, made it necessary for the program committee to eliminate reports from most agencies, and to give most of the convention time to business. Such a schedule simply does not allow time for great messages or inspiring reports.

While we can look to the Pastor's Conference, the WNU Convention and other extra-convention meetings to provide inspiration, the convention misses something when its agencies cannot report. Furthermore, convention programs are strengthened by inspirational messages.

We hope that the committee planning next year's program will be able to provide for at least two more sessions. It would not have made a great deal of difference to most messengers had the St. Louis meeting ended on Thursday night instead of Thursday at noon. Most messengers still could have gotten home by Sunday. These two additional sessions would have provided time for reports from agencies and for more features and inspirational messages.

Of course, the messengers probably brought the brief convention upon themselves by voting for shorter sessions in a poll taken at Denver. Perhaps they hardly could have visualized the pressure which developed in St. Louis, which required, for example, an 8:30 a. m. session. We think the vote might be different if taken again.

One of the unforgettable parts of every convention is the music. The congregational singing and the special music reach heights of spiritual blessing seldom equaled elsewhere.

We came home from St. Louis with encouragement as a strong impression of the meeting. It was a convention of unity even in diversity for while there were division on issues, a spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed. Last year we said that the Denver convention had set a pattern, that of Bible believing conservatism, and that direction was reaffirmed in St. Louis. The convention revealed that its greatest concern is still in the area of missions and evangelism.

Southern Baptists are not dead, nor are they dying. They do have some problems in statistical losses in some of their work. They are not ignoring those, but are taking positive steps to bring the spiritual strength which can change them. They also feel the pinch of insufficient funds, but also are seeking to do something about that.

They are fully conscious of world conditions, are carefully considering changing world needs, and they are seeking to enlarge and strengthen their programs to meet them.

Southern Baptists are still on the march, and their future is greater than their past.

### —And Now St. Louis

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terminated to stay with the Bible believing conservatism which has characterized the convention since its beginning, and they are not willing to move toward a more liberal position.

Southern Baptists have seen other denominations taken over by liberals, and they are determined that this shall not happen to them. Seeing what appears to be efforts by such groups to influence Southern Baptist life, they are moving to prevent that.

The convention actions of the past three years were not directed toward the Sunday School Board alone, but also toward every board, agency and institution of the body. The convention is saying to all of these, "We want you to continue to stand upon and to protect your programs upon the foundation of a Bible believing conservatism. We are not willing to accept anything else."

Of course, such a theological course will not be received happily by every Southern Baptist, since there are some

who feel that the convention should move away from the traditional position. The majority would not deny to any Southern Baptist the right to hold such a position if he desires, but is saying that it does not want such change in the programs, the literature and the institutions owned by and supported by the convention.

We hope that those who direct the affairs of the boards, agencies and institutions are listening, and we believe that they are. Three years of such speaking by the convention can hardly be ignored. If these responsible leaders are hearing, and if they make it clear to Southern Baptists that they sincerely are striving to meet the convention's requests, then we may have seen the last convention which is compelled to deal with theological issues.

Instead, Southern Baptists once more will begin to give major emphasis to the tasks laid upon them by our Lord's Great Commission.

#### NEWEST BOOKS

### Hobbs Writes On Baptist Faith And Message

**THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE** by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, 133 pp., paper).

This is another in the new study course series of Southern Baptists. This particular volume deals with our doctrines. Dr. Herschel Hobbs discusses point by point the Statement of Faith which was adopted by the Convention in 1963. In his own scholarly, but very practical manner Dr. Hobbs shows what we believe and why we believe it. The book will be most helpful, both for those who are not familiar with basic Baptist doctrines and for those who simply need a new statement of them.

**THE PEARLY GATES SYNDICATE** or How To Sell Real Estate in Heaven by Charles Merrill Smith (Doubleday, 220 pp., \$4.95).

The author who became widely known by his book "How To Become A Bishop Without Being Religious," uses his talent to take an amused look at things to review the story of Christian history. In his own inimitable way, he makes history live. You will want to read again, or perhaps for the first time, of great Christians and Christian events in history for through this authors eyes you will see them in a new light. He punctures some balloons of piety and reveals some historical events which some people probably would rather had been forgotten, but gives a new concept on what has happened through the centuries to bring about Christian and "so called Christian" growth. Consider such subjects as these and you will see why you will want to read the book. "How To Punish Sinners Without Losing Customers," "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Deathbed Baptism," "How To Convert Pagans at the Lowest Possible Cost," and "The Church — A Club For Good People." These are just a few of the chapter

subjects. You will find yourself looking at old history through new glasses. You may not agree with all of the interpretations, but you will find a different point of view.

**NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY** by F. F. Bruce (Doubleday, 462 pp., \$3.95).

For the best understanding of the New Testament one needs to be grounded with knowledge of the governments, the people, the philosophies, the events, and the institutions of the period. In this book one of the English speaking words most respected scholars has presented background materials which will bring new understanding to the New Testament and its times. While this book may have been planned as a textbook, it will be invaluable to any serious student of the Word. It answers many questions which are raised by the New Testament revelation. It is a volume which will be read with interest and then referred to often.

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES** by A. Skevington Wood (Baker, paperback, 126 pp., \$1.25).

A widely known Scottish preacher discusses about biblical prophecy and current events. The book is divided into three sections, namely, Signs Relating to Israel, Signs Relating to the World, and Signs Relating to the Church. The author believes that prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes.

**RIGHT OR WRONG?** by T. B. Maston and William M. Pinson, Jr. (Broadman Press, 138 pp., \$3.95).

This is a revised edition of Dr. Maston's earlier book, *Right or Wrong?* A guide for teeners and their leaders for living by Christian standards, the first edition has sold 62,000 copies since 1955. This Revised Edition stays with those basic principles discussed in the first book. The major change in the new edition comes in the problems

faced by young people. Dr. Pinson has written this section on these issues: marijuana, alcohol, other drugs, tobacco, gambling, dishonesty, sex, recreation, and popularity. Dr. Maston, now retired, taught at Southwestern Seminary for 41 years. Dr. Pinson succeeded Dr. Maston as professor of ethics at Southwestern.

**STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS**, July - Sept., 1971, by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, paper, 130 pp., \$1.50).

A quarterly volume of studies of the Life and Work series of lessons for adults. Each lesson is given an expository treatment. The author is one of the most trusted scholars in the Southern Baptist Convention.

**THE JEW AND MODERN ISRAEL** by Milton B. Lindberg, (Moody Press, paper, 96 pp., \$3.50).

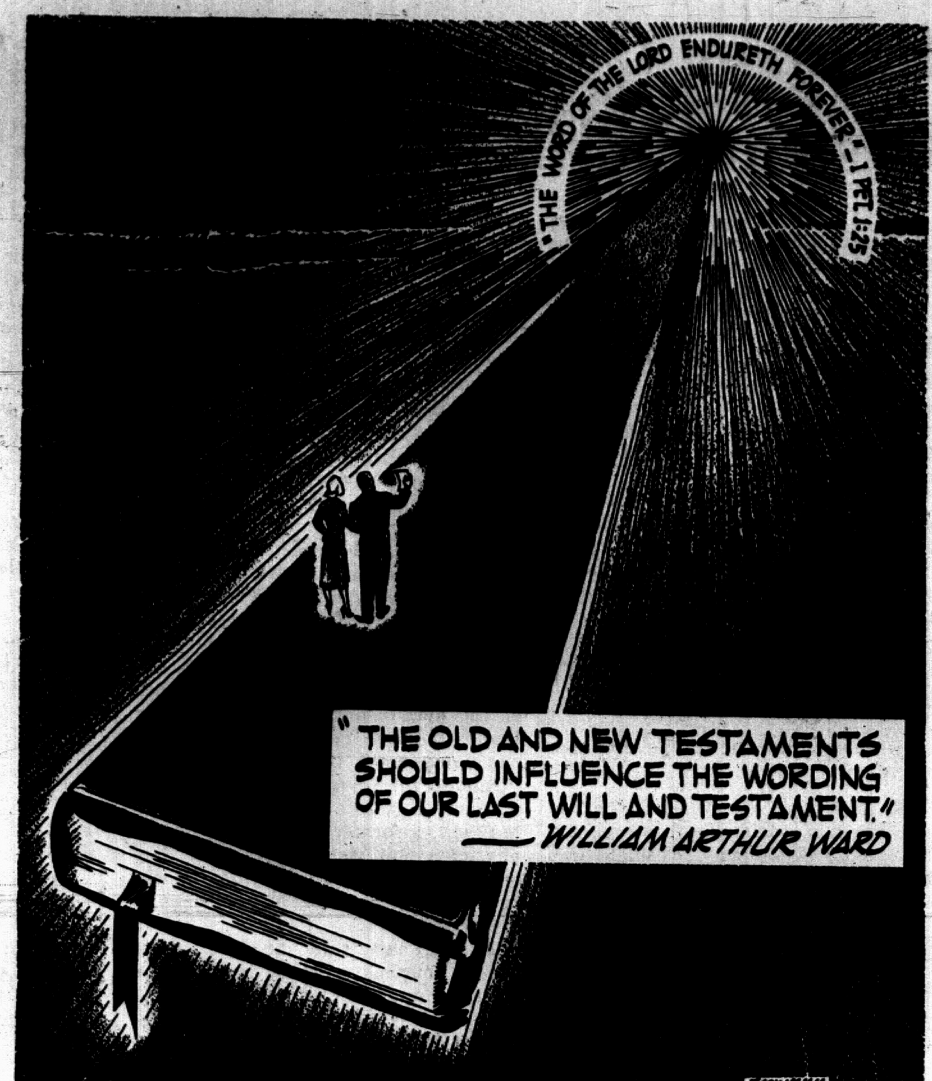
This small book is a revision of a study of the Jew which first was issued in 1930. Now with the events of recent decades the author is able to bring his biblical studies right up to date.

**DOES MY FATHER KNOW I'M HURT?** by David John Seal (Tyndale, paper, 96 pp., \$1.45).

A Christian physician tells of experiences with patients whose bodies were stricken by cancer. He shows how a Christian missionary doctor seeks to meet the needs of suffering people. The experiences take place in Korea.

**LIVING IT!** by Les Gols (Good News Publishers, One Evening Condensed Book, 64 pp., 95 cents).

Here are short, practical, concise "gems for meditations." Part I deals with helps for Christian living and Part II with hindrances to Christian living.



### OF LASTING CONSEQUENCE

#### EDUCATION...what's happening

##### Introducing The World's Most Remarkable People

This ceremony marks the completion of an important phase of your life. It is an occasion in which all who know you can share in your sense of pride and accomplishment. And no one has more pride in your accomplishments than the older generation. But I am not going to tell that older generation how bright you are. Nor am I going to say we have made a mess of things and you—the younger ones—are the hope of mankind. I would like to reverse that process. For if you of the graduating class will look over into the bleachers to your left or right, I will reintroduce you to representatives of some of the most remarkable people ever to walk the earth.

These are people you already know—your parents and grandparents. These are the people who within just five decades—1919-1969—have by their work increased your life expectancy by approximately 50 percent—who, while cutting the working day by a third, have more than doubled per capita output.

These are the people who have given you a healthier world than they found. And because of this you no longer fear epidemics of flu, typhus, diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever, measles or mumps that they knew in their youth. And the dreaded polio is no longer a medical factor, while TB is almost unheard of.

Let me remind you that these remarkable people lived through history's greatest depression. Many of these people know what it is to be poor, what it is to be hungry and cold. And because of this they determined that it would not happen to you, that you would have a better life, you would have food to eat, milk to drink, vitamins to nourish you, a warm home, better schools, and greater opportunities to succeed than they had.

Because they gave you the best, you are the tallest, healthiest, brightest, and probably best-looking generation to inhabit the land.

And because they were materialistic, you will work fewer hours, learn more, have more leisure time, travel to more distant places, and have more of a chance to follow your life's ambition.

There are also the people who fought man's grisliest war. They are the people who defeated the tyranny of Hitler, and who when it was all over, and the compassion to spend billions of dollars to help their former enemies rebuild their homelands. And these are the people who had the sense to begin the United Nations.

It was representatives of these two generations, who through the highest court of the land, fought racial discrimination at every turn to begin a new era in civil rights.

They built thousands of high schools, trained and hired tens of thousands of better teachers, and at the same time made higher education a very real possibility for millions of youngsters—where once it was only the dream of a wealthy few.

And they made a start—although a late one—in healing the scars of the earth and in fighting pollution and the destruction of our natural environment.

They also hold the dubious record for paying taxes—although you will probably exceed them in this.

While they have done all these things, they have had some failures. They have not yet found an alternative for war, nor for racial hatred. Perhaps you, the members of this graduating class, will perfect the social mechanisms by which all men may escape the threat of force.

But they—those generations—made more progress by the sweat of their brows than in any previous era, and don't you forget it. And, if your generations can make as much progress in as many areas as these two generations have, you should be able to solve a good many of the world's remaining ills.

But it won't be easy. And you won't do it by negative thoughts, nor by tearing down or belittling. You may and can do it by hard



#### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilma Fancher

All of me just won't grow up. I still shake and punch on my Christmas gifts because I cannot abide not knowing what they are. I still pinch icing off the cake. If it weren't for people saying, "Well, Mrs. Fancher finally finished flipping," I'd love to go skating on the sidewalks in my town.

When the winter sky sports a cloud, I'm the first to say, "I surely hope it snows." And I still like to blow bubblegum bubbles.

But lots of me has grown up (no comments, please, about my size), and life is easier because of that.

When I was a little girl and I heard talk about the abundant life, I really thought it meant Christians were supposed to have big houses and cars and all the trappings to go with them. I did not put away that childish thought as early as I should have, I fear. But I did finally get it put away by a very definite process of deliberation upon the thought of how a Christian can exist in such a world as this. And behave herself like she should.

A helpful part of God's Word in my Christian adolescence was the statement in Ecclesiastes 3:12, "...it is God's gift to man that every one should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil."

And it was what seems to be a companion verse in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." We're told what to do—eat, drink, work—and how to do it—to the glory of God.

Understanding glory is necessary. Without waxing too theological (as if I could), we might simplify glory as "distinguished honor or praise or exalted reputation." Whatever we do ought to make the reputation and honor of God more secure in the world's eyes. Seems to me a Christian woman on an assembly line in a factory ought to do her best not just for her reputation but for God's, to Whom her fellow-workers know she belongs. Seems to me a Christian mechanic should take the same joy in repairing cars. So should a Christian young person feel about his work in school. And a mother about her work at home.

I think it was Hambone who said he would be glad to work if he could find any pleasure in it. The Bible says for us to do just that. Pleasure is defined as an agreeable sensation. Maybe the agreeable sensation doesn't always come during the work but sometimes with the results of the work.

When our oldest was handed his diploma the other night and the principal said, "With highest honors," I gloried in it. Then I understood a little bit better about doing things to the glory of God.

work, humility, hope, and faith in mankind. Try it.

—Dr. Eric A. Walker, president of Pennsylvania State University in a university speech.

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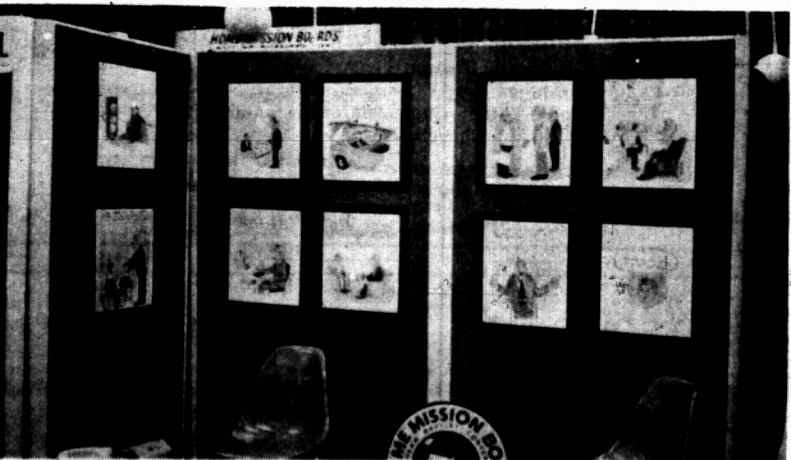
### Home Mission Board Work Presented

Shown are selections from the visual aids used at the SBC in presenting Home Mission Board work. In the top photograph are Rev. and Mrs. Albert Casteel, former missionaries to Puerto Rico, and their children. Since Mr. Casteel is seriously ill, they now live in Nashville, Tenn.

### BAPTISTS IN GEORGIA TO BUILD ASSEMBLY ON COLLEGE PROPERTY

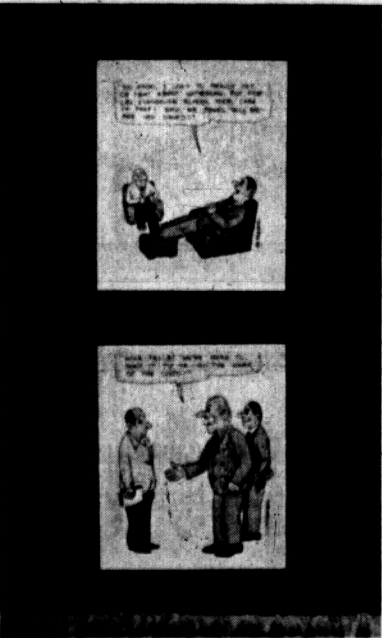
At the 16th annual national conference of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting here voted to develop a Baptist assembly on the present campus of Norman College, a Baptist junior college that is closing June 6, and to buy 25 acres of land on the Atlanta Baptist College site, as the future location of the convention's administrative center.

Only a week before the action was



### McKeever's Cartoons

Cartoons by Rev. Joe N. McKeever, minister of evangelism at First Church, Jackson, were featured in the Home Mission Board booth at the SBC. Mr. McKeever's cartoons appear periodically on the editorial page of the Baptist Record.



**KOREA:** Nine Korean Baptist churches are erecting new buildings or enlarging existing facilities with \$40,000 loaned to them under a new program jointly sponsored by the Korea Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the Korea Baptist Convention. Administered by a new Church Property Committee of four nationals and four missionaries, the initial loan funds were provided by Southern Baptists through the Foreign Mission Board.

## J. B. Parker Dies At 75

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Ridgeley, Tenn., Ripley, Miss., for eighteen years, where he also served Churches in Ashland and Hickory Flat.

He moved to Jackson in 1946 where he was employed to serve the Chaplaincy needs of Mississippi Baptist Convention, thus he became the first chaplain to serve at the hospital. He retired in 1968 and recently the Chapel in the Progressive Care Unit, at Baptist Hospital was named in his honor as Parker Chapel.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson and a member of the choir. He served on the Board of Foundation and Trust, and was a member of the Ministerial Association and a member of the Fonden Civitan Club, where he served as chaplain and also as State Chaplain for the Civitan's.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lucille Magee, and several nieces and nephews, and a sister-in-law; Mrs. Raymond Parker, of Monroe, North Carolina.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Monday from the Calvary Baptist Church, with Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, and the Rev. Claude Bowen, officiating. Interment followed in Lakewood Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Rev. Gordon Shamburger, Paul J. Pryor, Michael Wilkenson, Chandler Clover, J. T. Grantham and Lowry Woodall.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. David J. VanLandingham, Dr. Joel L. Alvis, Dr. Curtis W. Caine, Dr. Harvey J. Johnston Jr. and members of Foundation and Trust Committee and Deacon Council of Calvary Baptist Church, members of Ministerial Association and the Members of Fonden Civitan Club.

Memorials may be made to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Fund or to the American Cancer Society.

## "This Is Your Life" -- Duke McCall

ST. LOUIS, June 2 — Television personality Ralph Edwards of Hollywood, Calif., was master of ceremonies for a special production of "This Is Your Life" Wednesday at a luncheon during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The program honored Duke K. McCall on his twentieth anniversary as president of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and was the highlight of the annual luncheon of the seminary's alumni association.

Anecdotes from McCall's varied career were recalled by friends and family of the Baptist executive, including his four sons, his college roommate, and his two brothers.

Robert Denny, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, noted that McCall has served on the BWA executive committee longer than any other man, "24 years and counting." He praised the seminary official as "a citizen of the world," whose most recent contribution to international understanding was as chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

Edwards reminded the 950 alumni present that McCall had been the youngest pastor of Louisville's Broadway Baptist Church, the youngest president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the youngest executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive



Ralph Edwards, left, and Dr. Duke K. McCall

Committee, and the youngest president of Southern Seminary. He was elected to the seminary post in 1951 at the age of 36.

Among those who participated in the salute were McCall's college roommate at Furman University, Walton Smith, now an insurance executive in Clarksville, Tenn.; and his closest friend during his seminary student days, Elwin Skiles, now president of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) in Abilene, Tex.

The program closed with a tape-recorded salute from evangelist Billy Graham, who praised McCall as "a Christian statesman... with a strong commitment to the centrality of the Bible and the local church as instruments of God."

Graham, a personal friend of McCall for many years, has placed the records of his ministry in a special endowed collection in the seminary's library.

The program will not be televised nationally. Edwards, himself an active Christian layman, accepted no fee for his appearance at the alumni presentation.

In a business session during the luncheon, the alumni elected J. Herbert Gilmore of Birmingham, Ala., to serve as national president, and Don Gillis of Lancaster, Ohio, as secretary. John McClanahan of Pine Bluff, Ark., was named president-elect of the association.

The seminary, oldest of the six operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, has 11,000 alumni.

## SBC Session Ends In Lively Debate

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seek God's guidance in the midst of social change in hopes attitudes and actions may speed the progress of justice and that patience and compassion may make a positive witness of Christian love to all people.

messengers called upon Southern Baptists to refute deeds, statements, and innuendoes which tend to engender suspicion and hatred.

The resolution also asked Southern Baptists to explore ways a Christian witness can be given while recognizing the honest differences between Christians and non-Christians and without violating the dignity, respect and Christian love persons are entitled to.

"We point out particularly one area of concern namely anti-semitism, which some think erroneously is a Jewish problem," the resolution said. "We disavow the resolution and in seeking to lead the messengers to prayer, Bates during his presidential address, said he thought much of the tensions of the annual meetings of the denomination grew out of a sincere concern of messengers about their mission in life."

Bates said the nation and world is teetering on the brink of disaster and that the only way to avert this crisis is prayer. He emphasized this solution again in his closing prayer as the Convention adjourned.

Special presentations by college students and emphases on missions by the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board drew applause from the messengers.

The Baptist students used sight, sound, music testimonies and slides in the feature, "Students Speak Up," to depict what standards are trying to do in the world through the church. Later the messengers asked convention leaders planning next year's meeting to allocate program time for student study.

The high moment in missions came when 30 new missionaries were com-

missioned to service in such areas as Argentina, Venezuela, Indonesia, North Brazil, Korea, Botswana, Guyana, Belgium, Ohio, New York, Michigan, Indiana, Massachusetts, and California. Their specialties included medicine, teaching, preaching, women's work, student work, social work, and work with ethnic and cultural minorities.

The Home Missions feature emphasized the hope Southern Baptists will concentrate on the cities and seek to create new life styles for urbanities. It included a progress report on a lay witnessing program being developed by Home Mission Board leaders. The messengers heard reports from

26 of their agencies, committees, and other organizations whose budgets in 1970 totalled about 100 million dollars.

Highlights included a report Southern Baptists have 2,501 missionaries in 76 foreign countries and another 2,222 home missionaries.

Agencies reported Sunday School enrollment was down 1.7 percent to 7,290,447. Church Training enrollment down 5.8 percent to 2,494,251. Woman's Missionary Union enrollment down 7.1 percent to 1,199,813, and Brotherhood enrollment down 1.8 percent to 422,527. Church Music enrollment was up 1.3 percent to 1,076,487.

## Messages, Music Feature Evangelists' Conference

ST. LOUIS, June 2 — People fanned themselves and praised God in the auditorium of Third Baptist Church here Wednesday afternoon during the 16th annual national Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists.

An estimated 3,500 people filled all the seats, lined the walls and overflowed into the lower auditorium as a succession of evangelists and musicians preached and sang for four hours.

Here and there men removed their coats and women fanned with promotional brochures in the steadily rising room temperature.

Evangelists Clyde Chiles of St. Louis, Sam Cathey of Tulsa, and Bob Harrington of New Orleans preached.

Bill Glass of Mobile, Alabama, also scheduled to speak did not attend the conference.

An hour of gospel music opened the program, and several "music evangelists" performed between sermons.

Conference president Charles Massee of Dallas said the crowd was the largest and "the spirit was the best" of any session in his memory.

Massee and the other officers of the evangelists' conference were re-elected during a supper business meeting Wednesday night at the St. Louis Gateway Hotel.

In a message concluding the morning session, West said the association will have a place of growing importance in the next 30 years, if it can be flexible enough to see the changes taking place in society and in the churches and bring about program changes at the church and community level to meet the needs confronting them.

Closing speaker for the conference was J. Woodrow Fuller of Jacksonville, director of the missions division of the Florida Baptist Convention, who predicted associations will change in the near future with a decrease in small struggling associations with multiple arrangements.



### Convention

### Exhibits

At the Southern Seminary booth Dr. John McCall, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, left, talks with Dr. Swan Haworth, former pastor of First, Vicksburg.



At the Broadman Books booth are authors of new Broadman books: left to right, Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record; Dr. John Haylik, Mission Board; Dr. Wayne Dehoney, Kentucky pastor; and a Broadman Press representative.



At the Annuity Board booth, W. R. Roberts, left, Mississippi representative, gives information to an SBC messenger.



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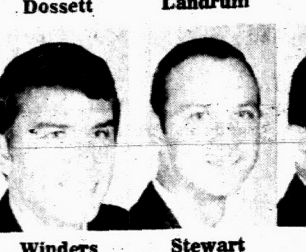
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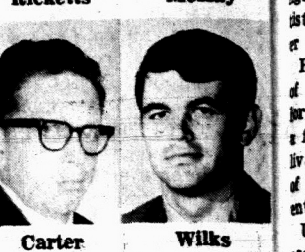
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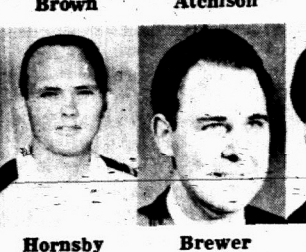
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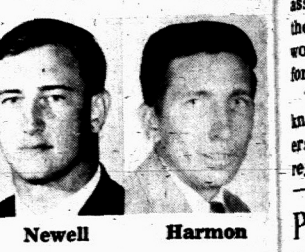
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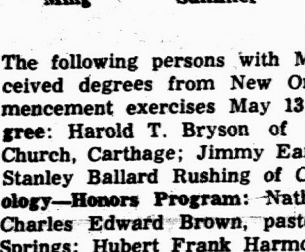
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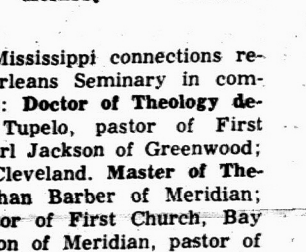
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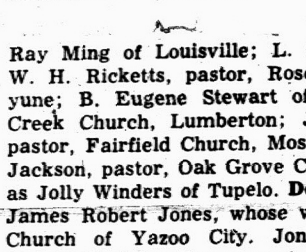
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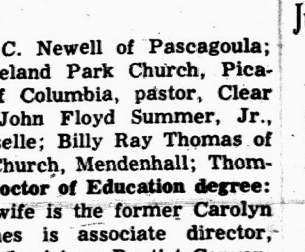
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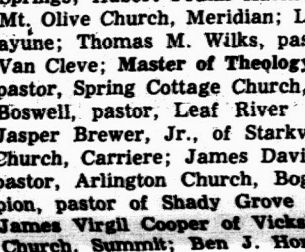
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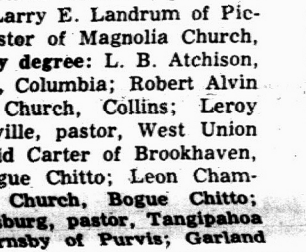
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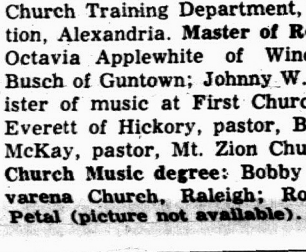
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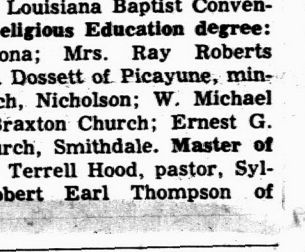
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The following persons with Mississippi connections received degrees from New Orleans Seminary in commencement exercises May 13: Doctor of Theology degree: Harold T. Bryson of Tupelo, pastor of First Church, Carthage; Jimmy Earl Jackson of Greenwood; Stanley Ballard Rushing of Cleveland. Master of Theology-Honors Program: Nathan Barber of Meridian; Charles Edward Brown, pastor of First Church, Bay Springs; Hubert Frank Harmon of Meridian, pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Meridian; Larry E. Landrum of Picayune; Thomas M. Wilks, pastor of Magnolia Church, Van Cleve; Master of Theology degree: L. B. Atchison, pastor, Spring Cottage Church, Columbia; Robert Alvin Boswell, pastor, Leaf River Church, Collins; Leroy Jasper Brewer, Jr., of Starkville, pastor, West Union Church, Carriere; James David Carter of Brookhaven, pastor, Arlington Church, Bogus Chitto; Leon Champion, pastor of Shady Grove Church, Bogus Chitto; James Virgil Cooper of Vicksburg, pastor, Tangipahoa Church, Summit; Ben J. Hornsby of Purvis; Garland

Ray Ming of Louisville; L. C. Newell of Pascagoula; W. H. Ricketts, pastor, Roseland Park Church, Picayune; B. Eugene Stewart of Columbia, pastor, Clear Creek Church, Lumberton; John Floyd Summer, Jr., pastor, Fairfield Church, Moselle; Billy Ray Thomas of Jackson, pastor, Oak Grove Church, Mendenhall; Thomas Jolly Winders of Tupelo. Doctor of Education degree: James Robert Jones, whose wife is the former Carolyn Church of Yazoo City. Jones is associate director, Church Training Department, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria. Master of Religious Education degree: Octavia Applewhite of Winona; Mrs. Ray Roberts Busch of Guntown; Johnny W. Dossett of Picayune, minister of music at First Church, Nicholson; W. Michael Everett of Hickory, pastor, Braxton Church; Ernest G. McKay, pastor, Mt. Zion Church, Smithdale. Master of Church Music degree: Bobby Terrell Hood, pastor, Sylvarena Church, Raleigh; Robert Earl Thompson of Petal (picture not available).

## Religious Educators Honor Dr. Howse

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association paid a pre-retirement tribute to L. Howse of Nashville, Tenn., a name mover in the field of religious education.

Howse, who will retire Oct. 1 as director of the Education Division of the SBC Sunday School Board, enumerated some tasks of religious education in the 1970s.

He shared the podium with SBC president Carl Bates in Charlotte, N.C., and John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church of Houston, new president of the SBC Pastor's Conference. Between the addresses by Howse and Bates, the religious education association honored Howse during a luncheon at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel. Four of Howse's associates paid tribute to him during the luncheon. Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Missions Board, spoke as a former pastor, and Joe Davis Heacock of Fort Worth, dean of the school of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as a former colleague.

Richard H. Kay of Fresno, director of the Church Service Division, California Baptist Convention, spoke as a former student; and James L. Sullivan, executive secretary - treasurer of the Sunday School Board, as a present "boss."

Upon receiving the accolades of his associates and a plaque presented by the association, Howse said that his work has been part of a team effort.

"If the people in our churches just knew how their denominational workers want to serve them, they would rejoice greatly," he concluded.

In his address, Howse said that religious education in the 70s must achieve a state of wholeness. Specialization has created fragmentation, he said.

The Southern Baptist Convention itself demonstrates the unrelatedness of many adjunct meetings without an apparent central unity of purpose, Howse said.

Religious education, as all ministries of the church, must be concerned with the whole person, the whole gospel and the whole world, he continued.

Bates, in his address, related two "convictions" about Southern Baptist life: "Any approach we make under the banner of Jesus Christ has to keep in mind the basic needs of people and the fact that human sins have not changed — they have just taken on a higher polish."

"Somewhere in our numerical growth and expanse of facilities and equipment we have lost our spiritual impact, we have taken on a higher polish."

Bisagno told the association that "enrollment is the name of the game" at the inner-city First Baptist Church of Houston where he is pastor. Everyone who joins the church is automatically enrolled in the Sunday School, and becomes some teacher's "responsibility," he said.

The church averages 36 conversions and additions to the church program per Sunday, Bisagno said. This is being accomplished through "normal, simple laws of Sunday School growth. We don't need unusual new schemes."

"God is using the five standard steps of Sunday School growth. The power of the Holy Spirit comes upon the people and motivates them."



STUDENTS CHALLENGED the Southern Baptist Convention at the annual meeting in St. Louis. Above is a musical rendition during the youth presentation.

### Pan American Union Laymen Set July Meeting In Cali, Columbia

CALI, Columbia (BP) — The second Congress of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men will be held here July 17-22, 1972, according to an announcement by the president of the organization, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., U. S. A.

Cooper said he hoped as many as 750 persons from every country in the Western Hemisphere and islands of the Caribbean would be present.

The Pan American Union of Baptist Men was organized in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1968 during the Crusade of the Americas. Cooper said the second meeting in Cali would feature reports on the work of the union since its organization.

Program personnel for the meeting will include several world Baptist leaders who will come to the laymen meeting enroute to sessions of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, scheduled the following week in Jamaica.

Cooper is president of the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corp., and a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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many other similar projects. The "Mission Action News" also carries news of laymen busy in mission action projects all across the country, not just in Texas, and seeks to "get together" the laymen who wish to work, and the jobs that need to be done.

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To give practical implementation to the goal of involving men, women and youth in missionary activity and to provide an information exchange, several operating divisions have been

and are being formed. These include COMPUTERS FOR CHRIST:

Providing reduced cost mechanized processing of data for Missionary and church activities. First projects for the MISSION ACTION NEWS (the group's newspaper) mailing list, 2) talent and skills inventory of men, women and youth available for missionary activities, 3) local church membership information and contribution recording systems.

TELEPHONES FOR CHRIST:

Providing reduced cost long distance telephone service. This service is provided through the use of a WATS line. The first project using the telephone uses a phone which can be reached by anyone in the Ft. Worth-Dallas area needing communication to conduct a missions project. Other projects will be added.

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Providing construction skills for completing physical facilities in support of Missionary and Church activities.

MISSION ACTION NEWS

The publication of this statewide circulation newspaper provides information for furthering the involvement of men and women in missionary activity. The newspaper performs four basic functions: 1) Reporting the ac-

tions of laymen involved in missions activities, 2) Cataloging the specific project needs for mission action near and far, 3) Cataloging the material resources which can be applied to mission needs, 4) Cataloging the manpower and skills resources which can be applied to mission needs. Thus, MISSION ACTION NEWS provides a forum for the matching of the need with the resource which can satisfy the need.

Some of the mission action projects recorded in the "Mission Action News" include the building of churches and missions in Mexico by Texas laymen; an air drop of Christmas packages in Mexico; a "blitz" of Bible schools held in southwest Texas; "Wings for Christ" aiding students with missions projects, by flying them on pre-planning trips; Arlington students painting a mission in San Antonio during their semester break, and



### Two College Presidents

Dr. Ralph Noonkester, left, president of William Carey College, presents to Dr. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College, the Doctor of Laws degree awarded from William Carey College during recent commencement exercises.

### Rev. C. C. Moore Is Heart Victim

The Baptist Record learned at press time that Rev. C. C. Moore of Edinburg, died Monday night of this week from a heart attack. No other details were available at the moment.

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# Isaiah Prophecies The Coming Of The Messiah

By Clifton J. Allen

Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:2-7; 11:1-10

The prophecy of Isaiah, more than that of any other of the Hebrew prophets, was marked by messianic hope. We do not need to conclude that Isaiah himself thought of all these passages as predictive or that he understood how they would be fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ. But the word of the Lord came to him with a revelation that stimulated the messianic hope of Israel and pointed forward to the messianic kingdom, the rule of God through Christ. Isaiah was given a vision of universal peace and the rule of God's ideal King. He would bring to fulfillment the purpose of God for his people. The pas-



sages we study emphasize God's universal sovereignty over the earth, also Israel's world mission.

## DESCRIPTION OF UNIVERSAL PEACE (2:2-4)

This passage reflects the idealism of Isaiah, perhaps during the early part of his ministry, and describes a universal reign of peace. It points to a time — literally, "in the after days" — sometime in the future. The house of the Lord will be exalted to a place of highest prominence. This suggests that the sovereignty of God is recognized among the nations. Obedience and fidelity to him prevail among the peoples. He is the object of worship on the part of many peoples. They join in giving witness to their faith by extending invitations to others to join in the worship of the house of God. And they declare that God will teach the people his ways,

so that they may walk in his path. On this basis, there will be peace.

God will judge among the nations to settle their disputes. His righteous decrees will be accepted. The weapons of war will be turned into the implements of peace. Swords and spears can be turned into the tools of productive agriculture to provide food for the peoples of the world. The genius and skill of men can be turned from learning how to kill and to destroy to the arts and vocations that save and enrich life.

## DAY OF DELIVERANCE DAWNING (9:2-5)

The passage seems clearly to describe the advent and rule of the messianic king. The dark situation growing out of man's wickedness and rebellion will give place to a brighter day. Deliverance will come to those who have dwelt in the darkness of evil and despair, and light will shine

on them through a visitation of the blessing of God. Isaiah describes the situation as though it were already fulfilled. The light has shined; joy has come; the yoke of bondage has been lifted; the rod of the oppressor has been broken. The people were given assurance, therefore, that what they hoped for would surely come to pass. They could be confident that all the implements and emblems of their bondage would become fuel for burning. As in the day of Midian, when downfall came to Midian, so destruction would surely come to the enemies of the people of God, and God's people would know the boon of freedom from oppression and joy in the Lord. The word of God through the prophet was meant to kindle in the heart of his people the hope to be fulfilled in the Messiah.

## PORTENT OF THE RULER-REDEEMER (9:6-7)

All that Isaiah's vision predicted would be made possible by the coming of the ideal King. His fitness to rule is indicated by the titles ascribed to him. He will be called "Wonderful Counsellor" (the two words should be viewed as one title rather than two), "mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." These titles suggest the wisdom, power, loving care and peaceful nature of the Messiah's rule. His attributes of perfection would be the assurance that his reign would be continuous, that the way of his authority would be more and more widely accepted, and that justice and righteousness would be established forever. The rule of Christ in the earth has made the kingdom of God a reality on the earth now; and the rule of God in Christ is the light shining in the darkness of the world to give assurance that the darkness will never be able to put it out

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and that the reign of righteousness and peace will surely come to fulfillment in the coming of the kingdom of God.

## Truths to Live By

The faith of Christians magnifies the sovereignty of God in Christ. The fact that war and strife have marked the course of human history and still blight humanity with a terrible curse does not invalidate the hope for peace on earth. The fact that injustice and oppression, godlessness and immorality, pervasiveness and unbelief, all ravage the earth with misery and despair does not invalidate the hope for a world order in which good will and righteousness and reverence and integrity and generosity will prevail. Hope for the dawning of a new day does not rest on brilliant designs by human architects of world order but on the fact that God in Christ rules in the earth. The coming of the kingdom of God and the victory of Christ are as certain as the reality of God himself.

Revival and renewal of the Christian faith are a divine imperative. —The era of peace and blessing described by Isaiah pointed to a time when the house of the Lord and the worship of God would be the center of the life of the nations and when the law of the Lord would go out into all the earth. This should impress on us that the Christian gospel must go out into all the earth. The Christian religion must become a dynamic witness to all the peoples of the world. The faith of Christians must experience renewal and revival to the extent that it declared the lordship of Jesus Christ over the whole of life. Nothing less than this kind of faith and life on the part of Christians will translate love into action and witness into redemption and loyalty to Christ into service to mankind.

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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Jeremiah Writes A Letter Of Encouragement To Captives In Babylon

II Kings 24:8-18, Jeremiah 29

By Bill Duncan

Do you enjoy getting mail? I must admit that I look forward each morning to the arrival of the mail. But sometimes, when there is no personal mail, it is disappointing. One of our boys from the church wrote home from Vietnam and said, "If five hundred people will write me, I will write them back. I am so lonesome, I want to hear from anybody." We have a servicemen's committee that is always corresponding with our boys in the armed services. Many of them write me and thank the church for sending them the difference pieces of mail that we do. They say that these are sure signs of encouragement. We all enjoy getting encouraging mail. The study of our lesson for this week is a letter written by Jeremiah to the captives in Babylon. To the average reader of the Bible the study of Jeremiah is difficult because the



contents are not arranged in chronological order. The messages must be interpreted in the light of the circumstances which produced them. This letter was written late in the life of Jeremiah.

The city of Jerusalem had been conquered and devastated by Nebuchadnezzar. The best of the inhabitants were taken to Babylon as exiles in the first stage of captivity. Jehoiachin and many of the best trained people went first. Zedekiah was made king and Judah continued to exist for several more years before Jerusalem was destroyed and the rest of the people carried into exile.

Jeremiah had ministered faithfully to his people while they were in the homeland, but for good reasons he could not go with them to Babylon, yet. However, he was deeply concerned about them and wanted to help them. We have this concern expressed in the letter of Jeremiah 29:1-14 which he wrote to these exiles. What he could not do in person, he sought to do in a letter.

In the letter Jeremiah seeks to: (1) counsel the people as to their life in

Babylon, and (2) promises a return to their homeland.

## How to Live in Exile

Jeremiah urged the people to accept their life in the exile of Babylon as a reality, live normally, rear children and make the best of it for the present. These words were well chosen to give encouragement for the people to settle down. Of course there were false prophets that were offering advice that was not sound. They were dreamers talking about a miraculous deliverance. There was to be no easy way out. The exiles were urged to go ahead and build houses and plant gardens so that in the years ahead they could take care of themselves. The Babylonians had given them the privilege of owning land and providing for their needs.

The exiles would prove to be an opportunity for the people to better themselves. They might have lost their personal independence, but there was no reason for them to lose their self-respect. A person, who had studied the life of Indians that were from Mississippi to Oklahoma,

said that many of the Indians lost all desire for life when they were taken out of their native land. The government had to provide for them. This is what Jeremiah was trying to avoid.

The Jews were counseled to seek peace within the city. To the Jewish people, peace was the best for the other person. Therefore Jeremiah was urging the people to be seeking to identify with the people of Babylon. If they wanted to resist, it would only hurt the cause of God. If they prayed for peace they would have peace.

## The Promise of Return

Jeremiah gave a specific promise of a return to Jerusalem. He announced that the exile would only last 70 years. God had a plan for them. "I know the plans I have for you. . . plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (v. 11 RSV). This assurance should have given great encouragement because people can endure hardships if they are assured of a future and a hope.

God was able to see that in time the people would change and call upon him. "And ye shall seek me and

find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." When this happens, He promises that he will bring his people back and restore the land to them once again. No one knows how many of the people believed the promise and trusted in God, but we do know that some did believe. The promise of return was conditioned upon a change in the attitude of the people toward God. The task of changing hearts is a task for God to do, not even a prophet.

Man must participate, for the yielding of the heart is a must. God always keeps his promises but man is slow to cooperate. "Without God, man cannot; without man, God will not." He is sovereign and he will achieve his purpose. But the best things in life, even man's redemption, are through the co-operation of man and God. There is always hope for a better day, but it is conditioned upon man's relationship to God. The circumstances are bearable when man is right, there is a promise for all the world, not just the Jews. Only in the will of God can man be strong, true, useful, and happy.

## Names In The News

Rev. Joe Causey, former Mississippi, is now public relations director for Baptist Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. His duties include being the editor of two attractive publications — "The Keyman," concerning news of all hospital personnel, and "Medical Staff Bulletin" as

news of the hospital's medical staff.

Rev. Trent F. Grubbs has accepted a call from South Corinth Church, Corinth, Mississippi. A graduate of Mississippi College, he attended New Orleans Seminary. He has been serving as pastor of Calvary Church, Booneville, for the past ten years.

Earl Standifer of Calvary Church, Tupelo, was one of 20 persons attending a seminar for planning the 1971-72 Sunday School program at the Baptist Sunday School Board. Directed by L. J. Newton, Jr., general administration consultant in the board's Sunday School department, the participants studied church and community needs, and participated in the planning identified basic Bible teaching approaches most beneficial in meeting needs and participated in the planning of the Bible teaching program for his church.



Both Rev. and Mrs. Hurst are native Mississippians.

Rev. Artis Nichols' family became assistant pastor, minister of music, education, and youth at Calvary Church in that city. Mrs. Nichols, the former Barbara Brown, and Mr. Nichols have two boys, Mike and Kevin. Mr. Nichols, a native of Baldwin, is a graduate of Clarke and William Carey College. Rev. W. Otis Seal is the Calvary pastor.

Erik Routley, fellow of the Royal School of Church Music, London, and minister of St. James's Congregational Church, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, will serve on the faculty of the Church Music Leadership Conference, July 1-7, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. Ralph Langley, pastor, Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will serve as conference preacher. Features of the conference also include the Mississippi Singing Churchmen on Thursday night, July 1.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. McGlamery, missionaries to Gaza, may now be addressed at Baptist Hospital, Gaza via Israel. He is a native of Supply, Okla.; she is the former Orlene Ellis of Ackerman, Miss.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, will be a special guest Sunday, June 13, on "Lamp Unto My Feet," the CBS Television Network's weekly religious program. "Lamp Unto My Feet" is telecast nationally from New York each Sunday at 10:00-10:30 a.m., Eastern Time. See local station listings for correct time in your area.

Norman Martin Everett, pictured son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Everett, was licensed on May 23 to the gospel ministry by Courtland Church, Rev. J. E. Thurmond, pastor. A 1971 graduate of South Panola High School, he plans to enter Clarke College this fall. Active in church activities, he is a teacher for Royal Ambassadors, and is choir director.

Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of Southside Church, Hattiesburg, has returned to his duties at the church after being out almost six months due to a heart attack. "Friends have been very cordial and thoughtful during my illness," he reports.

Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, missionary to Chile, was scheduled to return May 14 for a short furlough in the States (address: 3219 Highland Ave., Meridian, Miss. 39301). Miss Ogburn grew up in Meridian, Miss.

## Panola County Churches Seek To Defeat Legalization Of Beer Sales

The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of Panola County Association and is being adopted by the churches of Panola County. They are seeking to defeat the legalization of the sale of beer in Panola County.

"Considering: The Biblical teaching that strong drink is harmful to the individual, the home, the school, the church, and society as a whole, 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise' (Proverbs 20:1);

"Considering: The teaching of the church covenant 'to abstain from

the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage' 'Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness' (Habakkuk 2:15);

"Therefore: we, the undersigned, take a public stand against the sale of beer in Panola County. Be it further resolved, that we urge every member of our church, our friends, our neighbors, to go to the polls on June 13, 1971, and cast their vote against the legalization of beer in Panola County."

## Calvary, Pascagoula's Choir To Present Dramatic Musical, "The King Is Coming"



The Sanctuary Choir of Pascagoula's Calvary Church will present two performances of the dramatic musical, "The King Is Coming", Saturday June 12, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. Looking over the script above, are key personnel for the production. Left to right: Mrs. Jim Weaver, chairman of the dramatic committee; Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the choir and program; Mrs. Jim Burkes, author of the script; Ralph Daves, portraying Christ.

"The King Is Coming," written by Mrs. Burkes and set to music by Mrs. Mathis, depicts events of the latter days and the second and third coming of our Lord.

Accompanists for the program will be: organist, Mrs. Larry Hollingsworth; pianist, Mrs. Van Graham. Rev. James Miller and Buddy Mathis will narrate for the pantomime scenes. Jim Weaver will assist his wife in the drama production also assisted by Mrs. Bob Gray.

Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor, would like to invite everyone to see one of these inspiring and most unusual performances.

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## Do You Need A Kidney Machine?

# A Story Of Success -- And A Growing Problem

By J. Terry Young, Editor, California Southern Baptist

Little Tommy Davis and his parents in San Jose, California are profoundly grateful to the many Baptists and others who have contributed more than enough Betty Crocker Coupons to secure an artificial kidney machine for him.

A story in the January 14 issue of *The California Southern Baptist*, reprinted in several other state Baptist papers, including the Baptist Record

along with publicity elsewhere, started a landslide of coupons from all over the United States.

The Davises not only received the 800,000 coupons needed for the machine for five year old Tommy, they have nearly four million more stacked in the living room and are wondering what to do with them.

Long ago they had to move the furniture out of the living room to make room for the coupons. And each day's mail brings more. One woman

recently drove in the Davis driveway with the whole trunk of her car full of coupons collected for Tommy.

The Davises are profoundly grateful for the outpouring of compassion for their son.

Now they are wondering what to do with the coupons that continue to arrive. They know that there are still some people with contracts for kidney machines which General Mills will honor on an extended deadline, Dec. 31, 1971.

But who are these people who need the coupons? The Davises wish that they knew, for they would like to help someone whose need is as desperate as their's was.

And, they would like their living room back.

If you know of someone who is in need of Betty Crocker Coupons for a kidney machine, contact Tommy Davis, Sr., 6220 Omaha Court, San Jose, Ca., 95123.

## "I Wonder" Presented

On Sunday night, June 6, at 8:20 p.m., the combined youth choirs of Salem Church and Collins Church presented the musical — drama, "I Wonder," by Ronald K. Wells. The presentation was in Collins Church. Accompanying the choirs were James Arrington Goff, organist Harry Mercer, pianist, and an eight-member instrumental ensemble. Rev. Joe Ratcliff is pastor of Collins Church, and Allen Hill is minister of music and youth.

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## U. S. Government

## POAU Hits Promotion of Church School Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — The Nixon Administration' "persistent espousal of unconstitutional plans to provide government funding for sectarian schools" was denounced today by a spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The text of the statement by Glenn L. Archer, executive director, follows: "Persistent promotion of unconstitutional plans to increase government funding to sectarian schools is a cause of deep distress to those who wish the Administration well."

"We see this in the operations of the OEO where, despite the warnings of educators, the management of that government agency continues to push ahead with irresponsible experiments in sectarian school financing which are bound to damage public education and escalate community tensions. "This obvious effort to corral votes risks the well-being of our children and the nation's unity."

"We must ask if the Administration is seeking to visit the woes of Northern Ireland on the United States."

"The Administration's aid to education proposals, shortly to be introduced by Rep. Albert H. Quie, reportedly seek to widen the grants already flowing to church schools under various pretext and ruses."

"We believe public policy should be

pointed the other way.

"Public schools, particularly in the inner city, are facing serious financial problems."

"These schools need every dollar of the public money that is being diverted to church institutions."

"Patronage of some church schools is declining and many of their students are transferring to public schools."

"It is both wise and practical to provide 'impacted aid' by federal and state governments to communities facing such problems."



## "Most Outstanding Citizens"

William Carey College's annual highest honor goes each year to one young man and one young woman considered by a secret faculty committee to be the "Most Outstanding Citizens" on campus. This May, the editor of the school newspaper and the star basketball player captured the honors. Verlee Bond of Hattiesburg, and Mike Necaise of Bay St. Louis were classified as having been the most helpful, most admirable in attitude, most understanding of the needs of others, and most loyal to their institution of all other students during the 1970-71 school year. Mike, a senior, has been offered a professional basketball contract and will leave Carey with the highest in history of the school. Verlee is a junior and will continue as editor of the *Cobbler* for the 1971-72 school year. The awards were presented by President J. Ralph Noonkester.

## Corinth (Jasper) Holds Open House At New Pastorium

The new pastor's home for Corinth Church near Heidelberg in Jasper County has been completed. Rev. Paul H. McDonald, from Lena, is the pastor.

On May 28, Mrs. Vera McDonald's birthday, the people of the Corinth community surprised Pastor and Mrs. McDonald with Open House at the pastorium, from 6 to 9 p.m. The McDonalds had visited relatives in Lena that day. When they arrived home about 6 p.m., they found the Open House in process and refreshments being served.

## Parkhill Youth Retreat Held At Sardis Lake

A youth retreat was enjoyed by the youth of Parkhill Church, 4862 McRaven Road, Jackson, May 27-29 at Sardis Lake. A caravan of automobiles and the church bus left Jackson for the 4H Club Campsite to spend three chilly days of inspiration at lake's edge.

The program featured Rev. Larry Kennedy, pastor of First Church, Mantee, who presented the Bible study. Rev. Charles Young, member of Parkhill, led in the discussion periods, and Pastor Joe Stovall, conducted morning watch.

Ronny Walker, music and youth director at Parkhill, presided over the program, which gave emphasis to choir preparation on the folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is."

## Philadelphia (Lincoln)

## Homecoming Day June 13

Philadelphia Church, Lincoln County, at Caseyville, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 13. The public is invited.

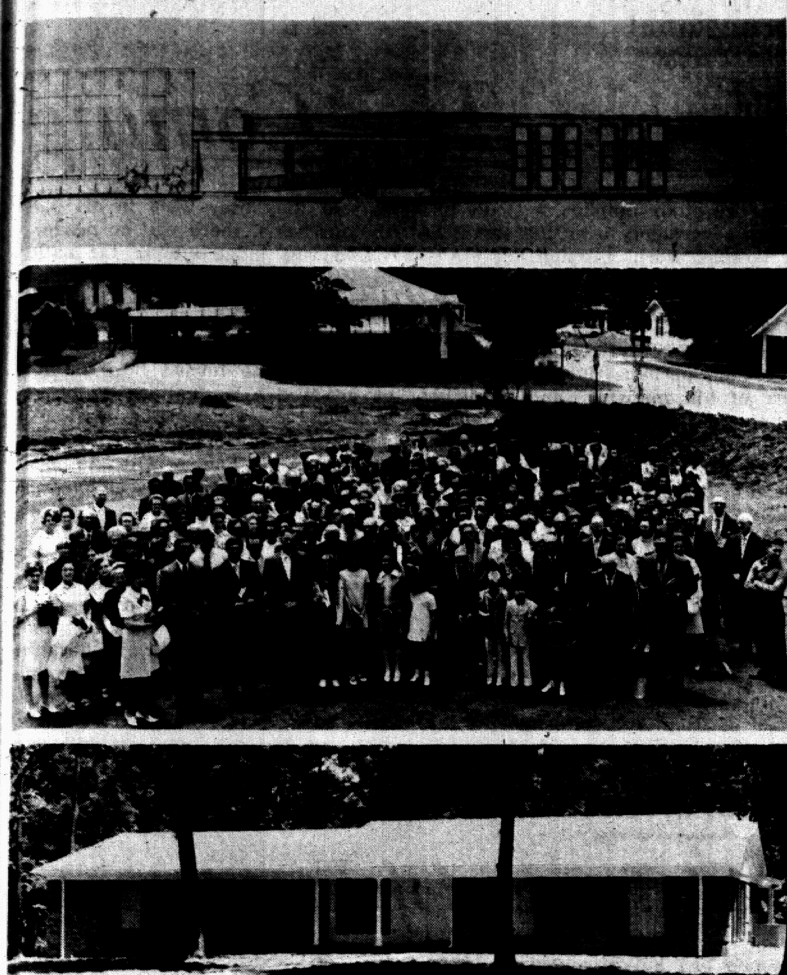
Rev. Danny West will be the guest speaker, and music for the morning service will be furnished by local talent. Lunch will be served at the church.

All cemetery contributions should be given or mailed to Lee Warren, Route 1, Wesson, Ms.

Rev. Tommy Marlowe is pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Cato Church (Rankin): June 4 - 6; Rev. Buddy Mathis of Pascagoula, evangelist; Singer Bill Styrom, church music director; Dr. Foy Rogers, interim pastor; 20 rededications and life commitments.



## 1st, Union, Enters Second Of Three-Phase Building Program

First Church, Union, held groundbreaking services, May 23 to begin construction of a new educational building, (architect's drawing, top photo). Immediately following the worship service the pastor, Rev. Ferrell O. Cork, Jr., invited the congregation to file to the building site, (middle photo). Ralph Grady, Legal Committee Chairman, opened the ceremony with a prayer followed by a scripture reading by John Lee, Finance Committee Chairman. Cecil Barnett, Overall Building Committee Chairman, gave a report of building progress. After a scripture reading by Mrs. H.A. Ozborn, Publicity Chairman, Mr. Cork led in a dedication of ground prayer. Banks McNair, Chairman of Deacons, turned the first shovel of ground followed by Mr. Cork and Mr. Barnett.

The groundbreaking was the beginning of the second portion of a three-phase building program begun in 1967

in which a new pastorium, a new educational building, and a new auditorium would be built. The new pastorium (bottom photo) was completed in the summer of 1970. The dedication service for this building was held on Sunday, May 16, with Dr. Joe Odle, editor of *The Baptist Record*, delivering the dedicatory message. Open house was held in the afternoon of the same day.

The new educational building addition will house two adult Sunday School departments, a cafeteria style kitchen, and fellowship hall.

The third and final phase of the program will be the building of a new auditorium.

The educational building will cost a little more than \$132,000 and at present the building fund is in excess of \$188,000. Charles P. McMullan is the architect for the entire building project.

## Off The Record

## Who's the Star?

Two pals went to the circus. One was completely fascinated by everything he saw; the other was quite bored. During the animal act, the woman lion tamer placed a lump of sugar between her teeth, and had one of the lions take it from her.

First chap: Boy, that's great!

Bored One: Nothing to it.

First chap: Well, can you do it?

Bored One: Sure, I can do it just as well as the lion.

Stopped in a barber shop last week. While I was reading a magazine and waiting my turn, a one-armed gentleman came in and took a seat beside me. We both got interested in watching the barber shave a fellow. He knicked the man three or four times and pretty soon the fellows face was dotted with dabs of tissue paper. The barber looked up about then and caught us looking on. He spoke to the one-armed man beside me. "Haven't you been in here before?" "No sir," the fellow said, "I was in a sawmill accident."

## Texas Talk

A Texas oil millionaire went to an honest dentist who promptly told him: "Your teeth are in perfect shape. There's no work necessary. They don't even need polishing." "Start drilling anyhow," ordered the millionaire. "I feel lucky today."

Little Boy Praying: "Thank you for our many, many sins."

Little Girl Looking at Stars: "If heaven is so beautiful on the wrong side, think how lovely it must be on the right side!"

## WRONG BOOK

The preacher paid a duty call at the home of a sick member of his flock. After a little while he decided to fulfill his purpose by reading aloud a few verses of scripture and asked for the family Bible.

The sick woman called to her little daughter in the next room. "Darling," she said in a syrupy voice, "would you that old book your mother loves so well?"

The little girl promptly entered with the mail - order catalog.

## Devotional

## "Our God Is Able"

By Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, Pastor Emeritus, First, Marks

No story is more challenging to loyalty and devotion in the face of terrible odds. What magnificent faith these men had in God! Theirs was a high position of influence and leadership. How easy it would have been for them to have succumbed to the command of the king, making their own mental reservations. A fiery death stood before them, but loyalty to God meant more to them than life.

wisdom He saw fit. Nevertheless, they would be true to Him regardless of what happened. They were not seeking death, but even the fiery furnace held no terror if it should be that no deliverance came. Nothing could swerve them from their devotion.

There was never a thought that God was under obligation to save them either because they were Hebrews, descendants of Abraham, or that their goodness required that recognition. There was no bargain struck up with Him, or contract entered into that would bring Him to their relief. They had made no calculation on what they could get from God by making a personal commitment to Him. Their loyalty was not determined on what God would do or not do.

It is to be feared that there are many Church members who feel that God is obligated to bless their business ventures, to deliver from pain and suffering, and to constantly give evidences of His favor. So often we hear people say: "What have I done that this should happen to me?" or "Is God trying to punish me?" Perhaps it is more often true that in discussing the trials of the thought arises "Why does a good man like this have such a hard time?" or "How is it that this wicked man prospers?"

If such a thought occurs, we need to throw the light of eternity on the problem. The book of Job gives the clearest answer. He was the best man in his day. God was proud of him, but Satan said: "Dost Job serve God for naught?" Satan felt that his devotion to God was all because of the prosperity and happiness that had been bestowed upon him. Job did not know that God was confident of his integrity. Blow after blow, there fell one terrible visitation after another upon him. But when Satan has done his worst, Job comes to the climax of his faith when he says "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." His relationship with God was deeper and loftier than any outward circumstances.

Leslie Weatherhead tells of a man whose son was serving in the armed services. Often at the prayer services, he prayed earnestly to God that He would keep his boy under the shadow of His wings, and added each time with great tenderness "No bullet was ever made that can pierce Thy wings." But the boy was killed.

Spiritual tragedy always lies ahead for those whose religion is tied only to the present. We trust God not only for the present but for eternity as well. A vaster frame of reference than that of days and years intrigues us. Our faith has to do with the ultimate dependability of God in spite of what happens here to us. It was this confidence that gave Daniel's friends courage and stability in their hour of testing.

The story is told that Aubrey de Vere visited the English poet Wordsworth and they were discussing the mountains of which both were very proud. Wordsworth, very jealous for the beauty of his home country, said, "The Alps are higher, but they are almost always enshrouded in mists. The clouds hide the Alps from your eyes." Then de Vere replied, "True, but you do know that the mountains are there behind the clouds. And that makes a difference." Our confidence in the utter dependability of God makes all the difference as we face our fiery furnaces or the crosses we are called to bear. Truly we want to serve God with uncalculating devotion. Doubt, disillusionment, suffering, and losses may sweep over us, but our prayer is that we shall be as steadfast and loyal as were these men of old.

U. S. frigate Chesapeake, with raw crew, was disabled and captured by British on June 1, 1813. Last words of dying U. S. Captain James Lawrence were, "Don't give up the ship."

With landing of first eleven ships from England at Salem on June 12, 1630, Massachusetts Bay Colony is established under the leadership of Governor John Winthrop.

## Trans World Radio President Explores The Orient For Future Transmitter Facilities

Chatham, New Jersey — April 12 — Dr. Paul E. Freed, President and founder of Trans World Radio, one of

broadcasting organizations, recently returned from a trip to the Orient.

The purpose of this trip was to expedite negotiations for the establishment of a superpower radio facility in the heart of the Far East.

Negotiations are in progress with a number of governments for a permit to construct a superpower station. It is estimated that such a station will reach an audience of at least 100,000,000 people.

In considering the possibilities of broadcasting from the Far East, Dr. Freed said, "The challenge of meeting the spiritual needs of this densely populated area of the world is overwhelming."

Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, are the sites of the existing broadcasting operations of Trans World Radio. From these superpower facilities and production centers in twelve countries, broadcasts in 33 languages are sent forth to people of many different nationalities and backgrounds.

Trans World Radio is a nonprofit noncommercial Christian broadcasting organization that draws its financial support from voluntary contributions from churches, organizations and individuals in many parts of the world.

## Parkhill To Celebrate 15th Anniversary

The fifteenth anniversary celebration of Parkhill Church, 4862 McRaven Road, Jackson, will be observed Sunday, June 13. All members and visitors are invited to the day's activities.

Rev. Joe H. Stovall, Jr., pastor, announces that Rev. Jim Shanahan, former pastor of Parkhill and now pastor of the Northwest Hills Church, will bring the sermon during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Sam Whittington, Jr., former music director, and Rev. Ned Barrett, will take part in the services. Historical presentations will be given at 7:30 p.m. Old-fashioned dinner on the ground will be served following the morning service.

## Revival Dates

Center Ridge (Clarke): June 13-18;

services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. R. Boutwell, pictured, of Laurel, evangelist; Leon Westerhouse of Birmingham, Ala., singer; Rev. Richard White, pastor.

Southside Church, Hattiesburg: June 14-20; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jerry Revere, evangelist; Wayne Glass, music director; Bill Renick, youth director; Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor.

## Broadmoor To Show Latest Graham Film

LOST GENERATION WILL be shown on Sunday, June 13 at the Broadmoor Church, 787 East Northside Drive, Jackson. There will be no admission charge for the 6:15 p.m. showing. Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of the church, extends a cordial invitation to the public.

The latest Billy Graham film, LOST GENERATION, features special appearances by Art Linkletter and "DRAGNET" star Jack Webb.

Linkletter, whose daughter died as the result of the use of drugs, discusses drug usage in America, and points to what is being done voluntarily by many teen-agers to combat the problem. Webb states his views on the role of the police officer and his relationship to the laws of our society. LOST GENERATION, filmed in Eastman color by World Wide Pictures, is a probing documentary which takes a close look at the attitudes and morals of the Nation. Location filming was done in Alaska, the Southern States, on the farms and in the small towns of mid-America, and in the drug Haight-Asbury hippie district of San Francisco.



Clarence Duncan of the Radio and TV Commission, left, talks with Rev. Leon Young, Meridian.

## Mississippians At The SBC



Dr. Russell Bush of Columbia (center).



Arnold Guy of Belzoni (center).